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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM CODEL DIGGS TO  
MS. JOAN WILLOUGHBY, OFFICE OF REP. CHARLES DIGGS, JR.,  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASH., D.C. 20515.

QUOTE

PLEASE PASS THIS CABLE TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IN BOTH  
THEIR WASHINGTON AND LOCAL OFFICES:

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THE IMMINENT APPOINTMENT OF AN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE  
TO SOUTH AFRICA -- THE PRESENT AMBASSADOR IS NEARING THE  
END OF HIS ASSIGNMENT THERE -- HAS SURFACED.

HOPE THAT YOU WILL TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THIS  
MATTER, URGING THAT THE CONFIRMATION OF ANY NEW AMBASSADOR  
BE DELAYED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT  
TAKES SERIOUS STEPS TOWARD MAJORITY RULE IN THAT COUNTRY.  
IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT, AS A FOLLOW-UP TO OUR STATEMENTS  
ABHORRING APARTHEID BEFORE THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL, THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT, AS ONE OF A SERIES OF STEPS, CLEARLY  
INDICATE IT WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE SUCH MINORITY RULE  
BY REDUCING THE LEVEL OF OUR REPRESENTATION. THE SCHEDULED  
INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA, AND THE PROSPECTS  
OF MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA, MAKE IT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT  
THAT THE U.S. TAKE A STRONG STANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY  
IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA.

MERE PRONOUNCEMENTS BY OUR GOVERNMENT ARE CLEARLY NOT  
SUFFICIENT AND DELAYING CONFIRMATION IS ONE OF A NUMBER OF  
SIGNALS THAT THE U.S. SHOULD SEND TO SOUTH AFRICA.

SOUTH AFRICAN ATTEMPTS TO PROVE THAT CHANGE IS  
OCCURRING IN THAT COUNTRY ARE DELIBERATELY MISLEADING AND  
INCORRECT. THE INTEGRATION OF A FEW PUBLIC PARKS AND  
RESTAURANTS HAS DONE NOTHING TO MOVE THE AFRICAN MAJORITY  
ONE STEP CLOSER TOWARDS PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL  
SYSTEM.

INSTEAD, SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESSION OF THE MAJORITY  
HAS CONTINUED AND, INDEED, INCREASED. THE DETENTION  
WITHOUT TRAIL, HARASSMENT, AND TORTURE OF BLACK DISSIDENTS  
(MOST RECENTLY THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BLACK POLITICAL  
CONVENTION JR SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION)  
CONTINUE. ARRESTS FOR PASS-LAW VIOLATIONS CONTINUE TO  
INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE-HALF-MILLION PERSONS ANNUALLY.  
ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION OF THE MAJORITY WHO ARE EFFECTIVELY  
RESTRICTED TO 12 PERCENT OF THE POOREST LAND CONTINUES.  
AND, PRIME MINISTER VORSTER HIMSELF HAS RECENTLY  
STATED THAT ONE-MAN, ONE-VOTE IN SOUTH AFRICA WILL NEVER  
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COME.

FURTHERMORE, SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES TO HAVE A VISA  
POLICY WHICH IS ARBITRARY AND DISCRIMINATORY, AS WITNESSED  
BY SAG'S RECENT REFUSAL TO GRANT ME A VISA OR EVEN TO ALLOW  
ME THE NORMAL COURTESIES USUALLY AFFORDED TRANSIT  
VISITORS THROUGH JAN SMUTS AIRPORT.

FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS, I URGE YOUR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN SUPPORT OF DELAYING THE SENDING OF ANY NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH AFRICA UNTIL SAG TAKES CONCRETE STEPS LEADING TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE MAJORITY IN THAT COUNTRY'S POLITICAL SYSTEM. SUCH ACTION IS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO A VIOLENT UPHEAVAL IN SOUTH AFRICA, SINCE ALL AVENUES OF POLITICAL PARTICIPATION ARE CLOSED TO THE AFRICAN MAJORITY.

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